

SCAFFOLDERS

Basic Issues				
- Scaffolding Code of Practice 2009 - WHS Reg: s306P, s306Q - Australian Standards: 4576; 1576		See the scaffold plan - check that the scaffold is erected as per the plan eg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ties in place - every 3 bays across & 2 bays up; or as per plan bracing in place as per the plan • Soleboards & baseplates - in place to provide a solid foundation • Free standing scaffolds - must not be higher than 3 x min base dimension • No gaps wider than 225mm - (1 plank width) between building and scaffold. 		
Working at Heights				
- WHS Reg: s78 – 80 & s306C – 306J - Managing the Risk of Falls at Workplaces Code of Practice 2011		Under 2m: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A risk assessment must be done ie: hazards identified, risk assessed, and control measures implemented (e.g: if someone can fall onto something that will injure them – control the risk) Above 2m: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum 450mm wide platform erected along the full length of the scaffold, and • put in ledgers for edge protection as soon as possible, and • put in access stairs as soon as possible 		
Work Platforms				
		Max total load per bay (kg)	Max point load (kg)	Minimum width of platform (mm)
	Light Duty	225	100	450
	Medium Duty	450	150	900
	Heavy Duty	675	200	1000
	Special Duty	Seek guidance from designer, manufacturer, supplier or engineer.		
Manual Tasks				
- Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011: s60 - Work Health and Safety Act 2011: s19 - Hazardous Manual Tasks Code of Practice 2011		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High risk manual tasks identified e.g. continuous heavy lifting, excessive pulling/pushing movements • Controls implemented for high risk manual tasks eg use mechanical aids/ cranes 		
Safe Access and Housekeeping				
- Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011: s40 - Work Health and Safety Act 2011: s19		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe access end egress to scaffold during erection, use and dismantling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • temporary stairs, portable ladder, permanently installed platforms or ramps • Housekeeping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • systems for collecting, storing and disposing of waste, adequate space for storage, safety signs • Access from floor slab to scaffold deck is reasonably level, or steps / ramp is in place. 		

Falling Objects	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011: s315B – 315M - Managing the Risk of Falls at Workplaces Code of Practice 2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety screens in place: to stop objects from falling on people. • Boards or flaps in place: to redirect a falling object onto catch platform. • Gaps between screens no greater than 25mm.
Amenities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011: s40, s41, s315A, Schedule 5A Part 2 (3), Part 3 (5)(2), Part 3 (7) - Managing the Work Environment and Facilities Code of Practice 2011 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meal areas: a room or sheltered area. • Toilets: reasonable access to one toilet for each 15 workers. • Washing facilities: separate from toilets. • Drinking water: from a source other than toilet, hand or washing facilities. • First aid: reasonable access to appropriate and adequate first aid facilities.
Licences	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011: s81, Schedule 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scaffolding certificate required for work over 4m in height



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